

Octagon Shelter

Truxell Road

Peninsula vicinity, Cuyahoga Valley National Recreational Area

Summit County

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: Truxell Road, Peninsula vicinity, Summit County, Ohio

Significance: Park structures built in the 1930s helped make the Cuyahoga River Valley a popular recreation area for citizens of nearby areas. The buildings also reflect the presence of the federal government's Civilian Conservation Corps program.

Description: The Octagon Shelter is a one-story picnic structure with eight rooms. It rests on a concrete foundation and partial basement. The wood used throughout the structure is wormy chestnut. Chimneys are of local sandstone.

History: Civilian Conservation Corps workers built the structure in 1937-1938, under the direction of Herman Steinbrink. It has always served as a picnic shelter, first under the ownership of the Virginia Kendall Park of the Akron Metropolitan Parks System. Now it is part of the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area.

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